

to determine compliance with such requirements as site-specific accounting data, authorizing signature and reconciliation of timesheets to expense reports.

(2) Financial Reports: review financial drawdowns, Financial Status Reports, and internal status reports, to determine if information is consistent between these documents, if recipient is properly using information, and if the reports are submitted when required.

(3) Record Keeping Procedures: review samples of Superfund documentation to determine the effectiveness of the recipient procedures to manage and reconcile this documentation (focusing on site-specific documentation, retention schedules, and the ability of the recipient to provide EPA with required financial documentation for cost recovery purposes in the specified time frame).

In providing this support, Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc., employees may have access to recipient documents which potentially include financial documents submitted under section 104 of CERCLA, some of which may contain information claimed or determined to be CBI.

Pursuant to EPA regulations at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, EPA has determined that Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc., requires access to CBI to provide the support and services required under the Delivery Order. These regulations provide for five working days notification before contractors are given access to CBI.

Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc. will be required by contract to protect confidential information. These documents are maintained in recipient office and file space.

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Thomas Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This document provides information on the availability of fiscal years 1998 and 1999 investigator-initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules

are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research area within the solicitation and are listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703R), 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncercqa> under "announcements."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Futures: Detecting the Early Signals; (2) Airborne Particulate Matter Centers; (3) Endocrine Disruptors (in cooperation with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Department of the Interior, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy); and (4) Children's Vulnerability to Toxic Substances in the Environment. Applications must be received as follows: August 31, 1998, for topic (1); October 28, 1998, for topic (2); September 16, 1998, for topic (3); and September 30, 1998, for topic (4).

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

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Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of a Joint Application Design Meeting on the Development of Public Access Component of the National Contaminant Occurrence Database

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of a Joint Application Design (JAD) meeting on the development of public access component of the National Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a two-day public meeting on EPA's development of public access component of the NCOD. The focus of this meeting will be to capture the design and user interface requirements of NCOD users in the public arena. The meeting will be open to any interested parties. EPA encourages the full participation of stakeholders throughout this process. Of particular interest for this meeting are potential NCOD users from educational institutions, state and local governments, the general public, and anyone that does not have access to the EPA Local Area Network (LAN). Providing the information within the NCOD to the public in a readily accessible format is required by the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the Joint Application Design of the public access component of the NCOD will be held on August 17-18, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: U.S. EPA Washington Information Center (WIC), 400 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460, Conference Room WIC 4 South.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about the meeting, please contact Ms. Valerie Love-Smith, U.S. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Mail Code 4606, 400 M Street SW, Washington, DC 2046, (202) 260-5596.

For other information on National Contaminant Occurrence Database,